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SUBJ: INDONESIA'S 1977 IMPORTS

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1. SUMMARY: BASED ON GROSS EXPORTS OF \$10.8 BILLION AND
IMPORTS OF \$8.4 BILLION, INDONESIA ACHIEVED A BALANCE OF
TRADE SURPLUS IN 1977 OF \$2.4 BILLION.

2. ACCORDING TO INDONESIAN CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS (CBS),
1977 IMPORTS TOTALED \$6.2 BILLION. HOWEVER, CBS METHOD OF
ACCOUNTING DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE IMPORTS NOT SUBJECT TO DUTY,
AND THUS CONSIDERABLY UNDERSTATES ACTUAL IMPORTS. BANK
INDONESIA HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN TAKEN FROM
ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ACCOUNTING WHICH WE BELIEVE DETAILS
REASONABLY ACCURATELY INDONESIA'S IMPORTS LAST YEAR.

3. IMPORTS (C & F)
(BILLION OF US\$)

1976 1977

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1. OIL	1.8	1.7		
2. GENERAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE		2.7	3.9	
3. PROGRAMME AID	0.1	0.1		
4. PROJECT AID	1.5	1.8		
5. MISC. IMPORTS	0.8	0.7		
6. MERCHANT'S LETTER OF CREDIT (MLC)	0.7	0.2		

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7.6 8.4

4. THE OIL CATEGORY REFERS TO IMPORTS IN THE OIL SECTOR, I.E., OF DRILLING AND SERVICE EQUIPMENT, NOT TO IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS WHICH ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE HEADING GENERAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE. INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE CATEGORY, ALONG WITH ALL CASH TRANSACTIONS, ARE MILITARY IMPORTS AND AN UNSTATED AMOUNT TO ACCOUNT FOR SMUGGLING, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE BANK INDONESIA OFFICIAL. THE GENERAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE CATEGORY GREW SHARPLY IN 1977 OVER 1976 BECAUSE MOST OF THE IMPORTS PREVIOUSLY LISTED UNDER MERCHANT'S LETTER OF CREDIT (MLC), USE OF WHICH WAS BANNED IN 1977 AND WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL NOT APPEAR IN FUTURE ACCOUNTS, WERE TRANSFERRED TO IT. A SECOND REASON WAS THE INCREASE IN RICE IMPORTS FROM \$391 MILLION IN 1976 TO \$641 MILLION IN 1977. THE LARGEST SINGLE ITEM IN THE MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY, ABOUT \$400 MILLION, IS IMPORTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT WHICH NORMALLY ENTER DUTY FREE.

5. ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL READILY CONCEDED THE IMPERFECTIONS IN THE STATISTICS, HE FELT THEY WERE ABOUT THE BEST AVAILABLE. THUS HE STATED THAT WITH GROSS EXPORTS OF ABOUT \$10.8 BILLION AND IMPORTS OF ABOUT \$8.4 BILLION, INDONESIA TRADE SURPLUS FOR 1977 WAS \$2.4 BILLION.

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